

(Non)Commemoration of the Heritage of Central and Eastern Europe

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Apart from being a broadly researched subject of academic studies, heritage nowadays has achieved a strategic, practical dimension and has become an urgent issue in many contemporary discourses. Peoples, groups, communities and individuals not only want to know their heritage, but they also wish to deal with it or rework it. Heritage has become an arena of political revindication, through which underrepresented or underprivileged groups are seeking recognition and their own voice. The past that has been routinely commemorated is now often critically addressed. Statues and monuments fall as a result of contemporary memory wars. Simultaneously, heritage is used, abused and misused in order to construct state ideologies, group identities and politics of history. What has not been commemorated, what should or should not be commemorated: these are vital questions of today, which seek the resolution of its conflicts and malaises in re-evaluating the future.

Focusing on the public and political roles of heritage, proposal can include (but are not limited to) the following issues:

- What distinguishes Central and Eastern Europe in heritage-focused issues?
- Commemorating in the peripheries: (post)colonial and (post)dependence contexts of heritages
- Inventing Central and Eastern Europe through heritage
- Herstories and her-itage
- Heritage and rewriting history from minorities' perspective
- Heritage and justice of (non)commemorating
- How disputes on heritage reproduce past conflicts from CEE history?
- Heritage, nationalism, communism and liberalism
- Misuse of heritage by contemporary populists and authoritarianisms
- The EU and protection of heritage
- Languages and translations of commemorating
- Contemporary production of heritage in the context of Russian-Ukrainian war
- Commemorating beyond the human: histories and heritage of other animals

Abstracts (250 words max) together with short biographical note, affiliation and preferred form of presentation (in-person or online) should be sent to:
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The deadline for submissions is **15 December 2023**. Authors of accepted proposals will be informed by 20 December 2023.

The conference will take place in a hybrid form: at the Institute of European Studies UJ in Kraków (rooms accessible to people with limited mobility) and online. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide accommodation. There are no conference fees.

Should you have any questions, please write to:
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